

Winter Carnival Week - Jan.12-17

A 'Blue' Graduation?

by Steve West

On Thursday, November 21, the Oyster River School Board approved changes relative to graduation robes and proceedings as proposed by Principal Geoffrey Jones.

In a unanimous vote the Board supported a blue robe with a white collar for all graduates and an integrated male-female procession.

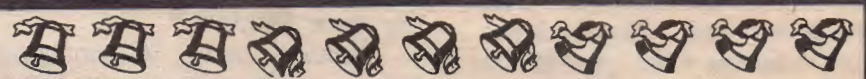
The issue was first raised last year when Seniors Jenny Burley and Christine Ruffner wore blue gowns in protest to the male-blue, female-white tradition. Burley proposed changes to the School Board at that time but no action has been taken until now. They felt that the traditional

colors were "sexist and discriminatory," according to Ruffner, and that the class should "walk together as one."

Mr. Jones said that the change is a "symbolic statement consistent with our goals." The traditional graduation however was "inconsistent with our philosophies," he continued, "which find gender irrelevant in terms of aspirations, goals, and achievements."

On Thursday, November 7th, a survey drawn up by Senior Class advisor Ms. Smith and Womens Issues Group advisor Mrs. Rous, was given to seniors in order to find their opinions on graduation. 82 percent favored tra-

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The Dover Vocational student built house as of Dec. 18. For more details see article on pg. 2

Math Team Sets Marks

by Cris-Jon Lindsay

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, the Oyster River High School Math Team grabbed another win at Coe Brown Academy in Northwood, NH.

The OR members leading the way with perfect scores were senior Bill Reeves, and sophomore Steve Fuller. OR beat the second place team, Epping, by 17 points.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Spaulding High School, the math team captured another win with seniors Tom Carter and Kylie Mills, and Sophomore Ysiem Chelikol all getting perfect scores.

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, the ORHS Math Team had a perfect meet at home against

seven teams in the South Eastern league. The members producing the perfect meet were seniors Bryan Mussalman and Ming Tsai and sophomores Brook and Seth Taube. They got a score of 100, the highest possible.

OR is ranked first in the South Eastern League and second in the second division of the Tri-State League. The meet on the 17th was in the South Eastern League while the meet on the 4th was in the Tri-state League. The math team is now 32 points behind Amesbury, the 1st place team of the 2nd division.

Testing the Air

by Dina Vasiliou

In most ordinary schools, only students get tested, but at Oyster River High School the air will be tested as well.

Mr. Robert Byrnes, science teacher at ORHS, will do a series of experiments testing the air quality and levels of indoor pollution.

According to Mr. Byrnes, he will test different areas around the school: the cafeteria, the teachers' room, the smoking area, the science labs, and the exhaust from the smoke stack. Mr. Byrnes commented that these are the places where ventilation is not adequate.

"There are three tests of particular interest relative to indoor enviornmental air quality; these are total oxidants, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen oxide," said Mr. Byrnes.

According to Mr. Byrnes,


total oxidants measures the amount of airborne chemicals that tend to react with the lung tissue.

Carbon monoxide is a chemical resulting from incomplete burning from stoves. The last kind of test is nitrogen oxide, a highly toxic gas also produced from stoves, particularly gas stoves, wood stoves and bunsen burners.

Mr. Byrnes became interested in pollution when he took a course a few years ago at the Harvard School of Public Health with Professor John Spengler, one of the world's top leading authorities on indoor pollution.

Mr. Byrnes stated that few people realize there is more pollution indoors than outdoors, especially in the winter. He explained that because all the windows are closed, the rooms don't have adequate ventilation.

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Houses Built by

Voc Students

by Cherie Russel

Vocational high school students of Dover and Oyster River have been building houses on Middle Road in Dover.

According to Oyster River Vocational Student John Wall, one house was built last summer on Middle Road. The other house also on Middle Rd. is incomplete. The vocational program has both Dover and OR students taking classes that provide a "hands on experience."

"Our class works with drafting and general building of the house... but right now we are using the book and classwork. We plan to work on the house later on," said Senior Student Wall.



The main frame and walls of the house are now complete.

According to Fosters Daily Democrat, "A class completed a similar project last year and sold the house for over \$80,000."

Junior Dana Wilson said "The vocational program at Dover has its benefits, right now I am learning wiring."

According to Wall, the class is focusing on planning aspects of the house and hopes to complete it by the end of the school year.

"Spreading the News"

by Sarah Chorlian

Tryouts for the one act play, "Spreading the News," by Lady Augusta Gregory, were held Tuesday, December 17, in Room 113.

The one act play will be directed by teacher-intern Mr. Doug Decker, who will be selecting the cast of 10 characters with Mr. Richard Tappan.

According to Mr. Tappan, the play will be performed the first week in February. It will be a cabaret style with other vaudeville-type acts. The play may then go on and be presented for other schools.

According to Mr. Decker, the play is set at a fair in Ireland and is a comedy about the nature of gossip.

The most recent drama club production was the 3-act

play, "George Washington Slept Here", which ran from November 21-24. Over 600 people attended the play, according to Mr. Tappan.

Following "Spreading the News", the original musical "Cake", about the final years of Marie Antoinette's life, will be performed in the spring.



Talent on Stage

by Bryan Mussulman

Oyster River's first talent show, organized by History teacher Lou Mroz was held as an assembly on Monday, December 16.

The show consisted of performances given solely by individuals or groups of students. Acts of any type were allowed. The idea of the show was spawned by Mroz's

belief that the student body needs more assemblies. Also Mroz said he hopes more school spirit was created by the event.

Six acts were presented on Monday; the first being a duet song and dance number by Sophomore Missy Goding and Junior Sarah Goding; second was a performance on the violin by Senior Joyce Andersen; Junior Mindy

MacKay then sang a Bette Midler song, "The Rose"; next Sarah Goding returned to dance. After a brief break the Carcinogens, a musical group, performed one of their originals, "Burn the Christmas Tree." Members of the group include Matt, Mark, and Dan Randall, as well as Junior Jason Carr. The show was brought to a close by three numbers sung by the Choral

Ensemble

Junior Keith Pearsall said, "It's good, it gives the students a chance to show their talent."

Mr. Mroz commented on the shows purpose, "I think the school is a community and I feel that it is important to get together."

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Explosion Rips Through Physics

by Bubba Bowzer

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, while listening to a lecture on basic relativity and its application to kinematics, Oyster River High School Senior Donald Flapjack sustained minor injuries when his head exploded 35 minutes into the period.

The exact cause of the explosion has not been identified, but medical sources strongly feel that it was due to the intense nature of the lecture.

"The topic of discussion was probably too deep for him," said Dr. Mugo van Pratt, chief neurologist at Madbury General Hospital, "Prolonged exposure to the concepts involved in the discussion apparently induced a severe case of cerebrus eruptus which led to the eventual detonation of the cranial area, particularly the lower lumbar region of the brain."

Showing no pre-detonation symptoms, the explosion that ripped through the classroom and rocked the school came as a complete surprise to everybody.

"I was teaching near the chalkboard, and all of a sudden, I heard a loud noise, kind of like cannon fire," said Physics Teacher Ned Forsythe.

ORHS Senior Edwin Poe, Flapjack's best friend and classmate, said he thought the explosion was due to the physics. "He was having a lot of problems adjusting to all the new concepts. I think it just kind of blew his mind."

Flapjack will be returning to school in a few days and, according to ORHS Principal Ted Flynn, shouldn't have any problems in readjusting to school. "Heck, I don't see any problems. If having brains was a requirement for passing high school, we would end up failing most of our students."

Taube Wins Hugh O'Brian

by Joy Coleman

Sophomore Seth Taube was chosen to represent Oyster River High School in the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Program on November 5.

Taube said he was chosen on the basis of essays he wrote answering three questions: 1)How have you demonstrated your leadership abilities? 2)How have you expressed sensitivity for others? 3)How have you shown the desire to learn and share your knowledge and experience with others?

According to last year's winner Molly Hodgson, the winners gather on a state level for a weekend in the

"Let There be Music"

by Josh Fitzgerald

The Music Department has presented a host of performances over the last five weeks, according to Music Director Mr. Steve Denson.

Between November 13 and December 17, the various groups of the department participated in a total of 13 performances in the seacoast area, according to Mr. Denson.

The Chamber Singers, a choral group, produced "Amahl and the Night Visitors" for the Dover-Durham Rotary Club on Wednesday, November 27, at the Fox Run Mall (with the Pep Band) on Saturday, December 7, and later that day at Strawberry Banke. They also performed three additional times for the Silver Squares, the Durham Evangelical Church, and, fi-

spring. Last year Hodgson said they met in June in the Howard Johnson's in Manchester.

Hodgson said that during the weekend they attended seminars, heard speakers on such topics as 'Drinking and Driving', and met with professionals in various fields.

According to Hodgson, during these seminars a boy and girl are chosen to represent their school and state at the national event held that

nally, in Newington (December 16).

The Pep Band performed Sunday, December 1 in the Dover Christmas Parade, and at the Fox Run Mall with the Chamber Singers. The Pep Band will later appear at selected basketball games.

According to Mr. Denson, the department also participated in the All New England Auditions in Boston on Saturday, December 7. This followed the All State Trials that took place Friday, November 22, in which 27 students represented OR.

Following Christmas break, the Music department is preparing for a concert of Shakespearean music, a competitive festival, and the spring musical "Cake".

Mr. Denson said the holiday season is "traditionally busy" and, "In my spare time I'm going to take up chess."

summer. Hodgson said that last year it was held in California.

This year's event is scheduled for August 1-9 in Indianapolis.

Taube said he is looking forward to the event to learn more about other schools and to talk to professionals in different careers.

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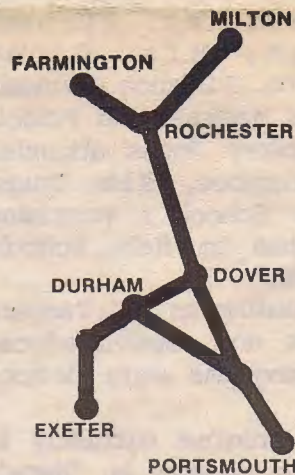
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Survey Results

by Kathy Savage

On November 20, members of Mr. Nilson's Sociology class announced the results of their recent poll on the subject of drug use.

Seniors Kathy Savage and Marti Latuch along with Junior Julie Wyrick polled the student body of Oyster River High School to see the number of students who tried various drugs.

The results of the poll show that 89% of the students have tried alcohol and 15% of those have been under the influence in school.

According to the poll, marijuana is also highly used in the school: 6 out of 10 seniors have tried marijuana, 5 out of 10 juniors, 4 out of 10 sophomores, and 1 out of 10 freshmen have tried the drug.

Wyrick said, "We were especially shocked with the

decreasing age of when people started drinking." Wyrick was referring to the fact that the average senior started drinking in ninth grade, juniors in eighth, sophomores in seventh, and freshmen in the sixth grade.

Principal Geoffrey Jones said, "It isn't my belief that the majority of the kids are involved in drugs during the school day."

Mr. Jones feels that the school is separated into four groups: (1) kids who have a definite problem; (2) kids who use drugs and alcohol on weekends, evenings, but unusually at school; (3) kids who use drugs and alcohol but limit them to experimentation at parties; and (4) kids who don't use drugs and alcohol at all.

Mr. Jones went on to describe a graph of how he sees the distribution could be in the school. He thinks it's

Drugs and Solutions

by Sarah Chorlian

On Friday, December 6, a conference about alcohol and drug abuse and the role of the school was held in Laconia.

Oyster River High school teachers, Mr. Richard Tappan, Mrs. Ginny Tagliefero, Guidance Counselor Phyllis Mackay, and Principal Geoffrey Jones attended the conference, "Kids, Drugs, and the School: Promising Approaches to Help Schools Help Kids."

According to Mr. Tappan, statistics and several educational programs were demonstrated.

One program currently in use in the country is, "Here's Looking At You." "It is a K-12 curriculum, and aims at making kids drug knowledgeable from an early age," said Mr. Tappan. This program tries to look into patterns established in the home and to identify the kind of behavior and family situations that contribute to future problems, according to Mr. Tappan.

Mrs. Phyllis Mackay attended four sessions at the conference. The session Mrs. Mackay said was the most helpful was about the Student Assistance program (SAP). The program involves more than just having a drug counselor at schools, the program includes peer counselor's, and community support, according to Mrs. Mackay. The program trains teacher's to be involved and note changes in student performance, but n

to have the responsibility of calling parents and telling them that their kids are involved in drugs. That responsibility goes to an SAP coordinator.

Mr. Tappan said the most interesting session he attended at the conference was, "The Dysfunction Family." It was about families where alcohol and drug dependence are already in the home, what it does to kids, and what needs to be done to help. At the conference, suggestions about how to help the drug and alcohol problems were presented. Examples of rehabilitation and treatment were demonstrated, according to Mr. Tappan.

One program, "Outward Bound," takes place in Hurricane Island, Maine, or in Florida. Outward Bound focuses on forcing honesty, communication, and dependence on one another. "People have to learn to believe in their own capacity to handle life," said Mr. Tappan.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Tappan and Mrs. Tagliefero to go because they represented Math and English departments, and have contact with the most students.

Mr. Tappan said that he feels a lot of people in the educational field think that teachers should not and cannot deal with drug problems. However Mr. Tappan said, "There is no potential for education until these problems are addressed," and, "The heart of education is character building."

as follows: 5% on a regular basis, 15% weekends but rarely at school, 60% experimentation, and 10% never.

Mr. Jones commented, "The real problem, as I see it, is that kids think to have a good party you have to have enough alcohol."

Oyster River High School nurse Mrs. Beth Kleine said (in regards to the statistics), "I don't feel it's shocking in terms of being a big surprise but the number of students in school using alcohol and mar-

ijuana is higher than I expected."

Junior Mindy MacKay felt that our school doesn't have a serious drug problem because, "I don't think a lot of heavy drugs are done in the school, but I do know a lot of people who smoke pot and drink on an almost regular basis."

Senior San Freiermuth felt that if the rules were more strictly enforced on the use of drugs, "people would do it anyway, they'd skip school."

Drug Reaction

by Mark Blakemore

Three students from the sociology class conducted a survey recently that indicated that there is significant drug and alcohol use in the school. What do you feel the solution is to the use of drugs and alcohol in school?

SENIOR Jo Michel, "There should be a counselor for kids who have a problem."

TEACHER Mr. Robert Byrnes, "To change from something is far more difficult than people recognize, so I think in order for someone to change you have to first recognize that there is a problem. That has to be motivated by dissatisfaction with a persons present condition. Can someone on the outside shock the person into recognizing that there is a problem? The problem with drugs is they cloud your self perception."

SENIOR Garth Swanson, "Possibly an assigned study would solve the problem of in school drug use."

SENIOR Heidi Hendrickson, "More communication between students and teachers... Teachers recognize a lot of drug use, but don't do anything about it."

JUNIOR Rob Unglaub, "You've got to make teachers aware of the narcotics students use and their problems."

SENIOR Mike McDonough, "They need a teacher that is experienced with drugs and has the time to devote to the cause."

SENIOR San Freiermuth, "I don't think there is a problem so no solution is necessary."

SOPHOMORE John Freiermuth, "Cut out the smoking section, and prevent people from going outside, and if they're caught, suspend them."

TEACHER Mr. Bob Crego, "Have a discussion session with one or two teachers to get the problem more out into the open."

FRESHMAN Peter Canonico, "The people caught should be expelled for a longer amount of time."

FRESHMAN Jeff Barber, "Random locker searches."

FRESHMAN Rich Matusow, "Expell the drug sellers."

JUNIOR Brad Jacobson, "If anyone is caught with drugs they should be expelled for the remainder of the year."

JUNIOR Chris Cuniff, "As long as drinking is necessary to fit in, it's going to be done."

JUNIOR Gordon Murphy, "I don't think there is a solution, kids are going to drink, and that's the way it is."

JUNIOR Kiri Gigley, "There is no solution, people have to do it (quit) on their own."

SENIOR Scott Hartzell, "There is nothing you can really do to solve it. Over-exposure at an early age may have contributed to the problem."

Elementary Visit

by Jessica Gilsdorf

Two Oyster River High School students will be travelling to OR Elementary School to hold a seminar to inform 5th graders of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Senior Kathy Savage and Junior Julie Wyrick will be going to ORES in early January.

According to Savage, they will visit "individual classrooms and talk to each class as a group about drugs and their effects".

Findings in a recent drug and alcohol survey that Savage and Wyrick conducted

with ORHS students, indicated that the age at which teenagers were experimenting with alcohol was rapidly decreasing.

Tim Quint, the physical education instructor at OR Middle School, has asked Savage and Wyrick to speak to ORMS students as well.

"Basically he wants Julie and I to talk to the middle school health classes about the effects of drugs and alcohol," said Savage.

Savage and Wyrick have outlined their seminar schedule and questions. They have presented their proposal to ORES Principal Jean Robbins and are working on a specific date.

Other Schools and Drugs Newmarket

by Kristin Limber
and Bess Franzosa

"I don't believe a student can learn when under the influence of drugs," said Newmarket High School Principal Lyman Goding.

According to Mr. Goding, Newmarket High School deals with drug use in a three part manner: prevention and education, treatment, and discipline.

"We try to keep school a safe drug-free place where the students know they are respected and can learn," said Mr. Goding. "We work very hard with the students in counseling and education, but if a student does come to school under the influence of drugs or alcohol a strict disciplinary action is taken."

The first offense of possessing or using drugs or alcohol, before or during school, or during school activities is:

1. A fact-finding conference,
2. Removal from school to parents or police,
3. A formal hearing,
4. A 20 day suspension to include 10 school days out of

school suspension and 10 school days in school suspension,

5. 15 hours of counseling as designated by the Guidance Department,

6. A 1,000 word essay,

7. 20 days of detention (10 during days of In-School suspension, 10 additional detentions after the suspensions have been served),

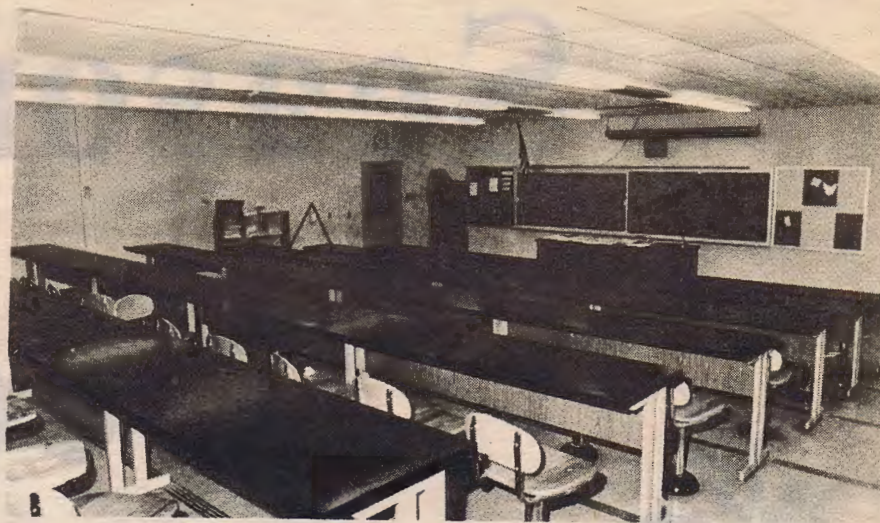
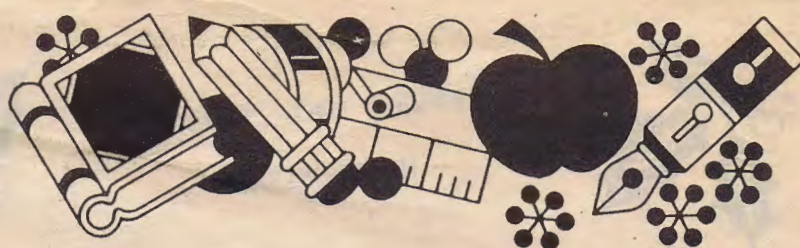
8. No participation in, or attendance at, any after school activity for 30 days,

9. and referral to the police.

Mr. Goding noted that the students respect their education, rules and expectations of the school enough not to come to school under the influence of drugs. "I am disappointed when schools, in general, don't have a strong disciplinary policy."

As part of their prevention plan, Newmarket works to strengthen communication between parents, students and the school. According to Mr. Goding, they have a phone-in absence procedure.

Mr. Goding concluded, "I would like to think that, in terms of in-school abuse, we take a very aggressive stand."



Dover

According to Dover High School Assistant Principal Ms. Valjeane Olenn, due to stricter disciplinary policies that have been vigorously enforced the drug problem is getting better within the school setting.

At Dover a student who has used, or is in possession of, drugs at school or a school function will be subject to the following: "First Offense: The student will be sent home for a two day period during which family communications can begin and counseling with the Dover Youth Resources will take place. Written confirmation of an initial counseling session must be obtained. The student will return to school through the in-school suspen-

sion program for a period of four days and will participate in an appropriate counseling program as specified by the school."

"Second Offense: The student will be indefinitely suspended until an expulsion hearing can be scheduled with the Dover School Committee."

Dover Nurse Terry Warren said that the teachers have participated in workshops for identifying and helping students who may be drug users. The school has also had various speakers and assemblies regarding drug use.

Ms. Olenn said, "I feel that we are carrying through our moral obligation by making help available and letting students know where to get it."

Oyster River

Since Mr. Geoffrey Jones has become principal at Oyster River High School he has done the following to curb the drug problem:

- limited the time in which the students are allowed to smoke in the smoking area
- suspended more students for use and possession of drugs
- held parent awareness nights
- held SADD and other assemblies regarding drug use
- hired a part-time voluntary drug counselor

According to the Oyster River High School Handbook, "The use of alcohol and illicit drugs by students has serious mental, physical, and legal implications. Accordingly, students who possess, use, transmit, or are under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs on school property or at any function under the jurisdiction of the school shall be suspended from school in accordance with the school's suspension policy. An additional response from the school may be warranted in certain circumstances."

Students are generally suspended for a five day period, which does not go on their permanent record.

This year the Health Curriculum Committee applied for funding to hire a part-time guidance counselor. Pat Coughlin will be at the school two days a week to speak to individuals and small groups about how to help themselves and others with problems. She is primarily a drug and alcohol counselor, but will be available for guidance with other problems students may have.

Nurse Beth Kleine said that there is a "definite need for a counselor at the school with professional experience in drug and alcohol counseling." At this point mandatory counseling is not part of Oyster River's policy when a student is caught for possession of, or under the influence of drugs.

Mrs. Kleine feels that punishment and counseling should go hand in hand. "Punishment alone is not helpful," said Mrs. Kleine. "We must be able to help students with their problems and show them that using drugs is not the solution."

Portsmouth

According to the Portsmouth Senior High School Handbook, "If students appear to be under any drug or alcohol influence, the parents or guardians will be notified by school authorities to come for the student and remove them to their homes or a medical facility. Upon reasonable evidence of any drug or alcohol use, students will be suspended from school until such time as a doctor authorizes the students return to school under stated conditions. Police will be contacted."

According to Portsmouth High School Principal Mr. David Matthews, the suspension policy is as follows:

Students are suspended up to five days, a period of two days out of school and three days in school. Selling drugs can lead to an expulsion hearing and the police will pursue the matter legally.

Being caught out of school at a function such as a dance, the police will be notified and the student will be excluded from extra curricular activities for the remainder of the year. The student will not be suspended.

Mr. Matthews said that, "There isn't nearly enough parent communication within the school."

Due to a student body of seventeen hundred people, Mr. Matthews said, "We have to be cautious of taking on more than we can handle." The administration does meet with parents of seniors about the chemical free graduation party and other senior activities to strengthen communication during this time.

Mr. Matthews feels that, "The drug problem is better within the school, it's just happening elsewhere. The consequences in school are just high so its just done outside the school."

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"No Pain, No Gain"

by Hilary Dyson

Seniors Scott Bogle and Mark Riddell of the Durham Boat Club, sculled their way to a fifth place finish in the mens open double competition on October 27 at The Head of the Schuylkill, in Philadelphia, PA.

On October 20, they traveled to Boston for the Head of the Charles, once again rowing the four with coxswain in the 19-under division. They placed first by beating the Naval Academy by half a second.

On October 12, at the Head of the Merrimack Regatta in Nashua, Riddell, Bogle, OR alumnus Keith Routley and Warren placed first in the mens open four with coxswain. The boat was coxed by freshman Elizabeth Ashley.

At the Junior National Team tryouts, in Princeton N.J. on July 6, Riddell and Bogle placed second in the double sculls, thus earning a trip to the National Sports Festival in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In which they end-

ed up placing second to the same boat they lost to at the team trials.

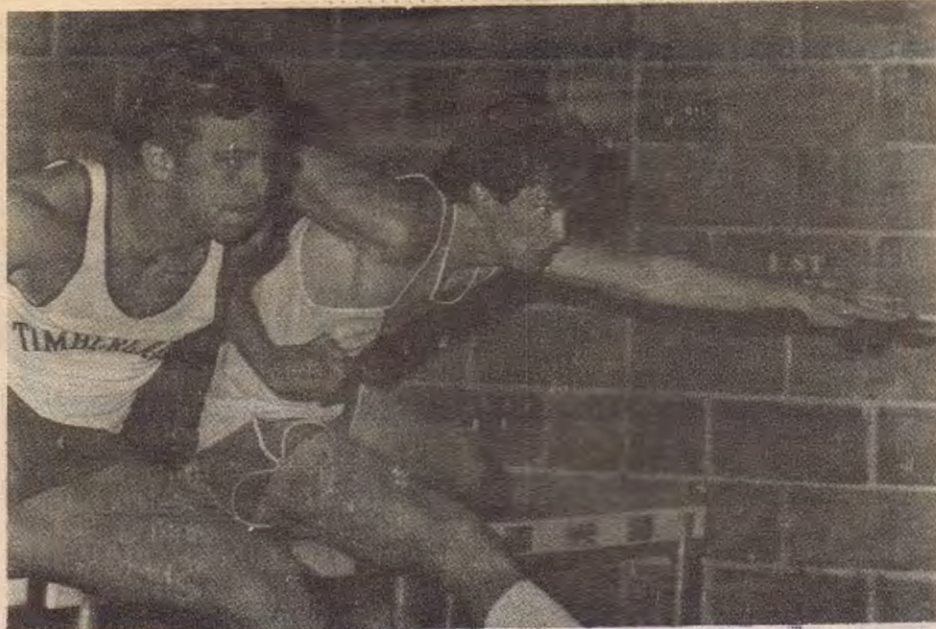
At the USRA Men's National Championships during the last week of June '85, Riddell and Bogle rowed a straight pair and placed third. While Junior Chris Warren and sophomore Pieter Beckman placed third in the 16-year old doubles. Riddell, Bogle and Beckman also teamed up with Senior Erik Beckman to beat the New York Athletic Club in winning the national championship in the junior men's quadruple sculls.

Ashley, who has been the coxswain for the mens club said, "I enjoyed working with them because it was exciting and a lot of fun."

Bogle credited his coaches for much of the clubs success, "Jim and Colleen Dreher are probably the best junior coaches in the country."

Bogle added, "There is a lot of determination. We aren't very big and it's not so SEE CREW

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Senior Bill Lockhart on his way to a state meet qualifying time in the 55m high hurdles.

Boys Run

by Elizabeth Attenborough

The Oyster River Boys' Winter Track Team finished second to Timberlane, beating Raymond, in their first meet on December 14 at the UNH Field House.

In the 3,000m, Senior Josh Fitzgerald took first with a time of 9:57. Freshman Mark Haggerty placed third with a time of 10:16.

Running the 55m hurdles, Senior Bill Lockhart won the event with a qualifying time of 8.02. He also captured the 300m in 39 seconds.

Senior Scott Shirley ran to victory in the 600m event

and qualified with a 1:29.

Haggerty finished third in the 1500m in 4:53. Sophomore Dave Sunburg followed in fifth with 5:17.

The team of Fitzgerald, Shirley, Lockhart, and Senior Peter Parker placed second behind Timberlane in the mile relay.

In the shotput, Senior Scott Hartzell had the winning throw of 42ft. Senior Bob Hughes took third and Freshman Jim Coward followed in fourth.

Jumping 5ft. 9in. Senior Sean Cox won the high jump and in third, Shirley jumped 5ft. 4in.

Lockhart jumped 20ft. 2in. in the long jump, capturing another first.

According to Fitzgerald, "We have some newcomers on the team this year, but we've lost a lot of last year's runners."

Shirley said, "The team will be working on individual strength as well as a team effort." He stated, "It's not going to be a 'team' season. We're going to have a few strong runners working to win individually."

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'Ice' Cats Struggle

by Mark Blakemore

The Oyster River High School Varsity Hockey Team dropped their season record to 1-3 with a 3-1 loss to Exeter on Dec. 14.

Exeter opened the scoring in the first period with a Mitch Donahue goal during a power play.

The Bobcats tied it up in the first minute of the second period when leading scorer senior Tim Cavanaugh tallied a goal. Exeter came back to take the lead on their second

power play goal of the night. The Blue Hawks continued their pressure and beat OR goalie senior Steve West once again in the second period during another power play.

Although West said, "They outplayed us in the third period," the score remained the same as neither team capitalized.

The Bobcats took on Manchester Central on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the JFK arena. The 'Cats also have an alumni game planned for Jan. 2.

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ditional gowns and 64 percent preferred separate male-female procession lines.

Senior Class President Mary Kleine believes that student opinions should have been taken into account on this issue. Regarding the decision favoring a new graduation, she said, "I think we should appeal it."

Mr. Jones argued that "This is an occasion to set direction. I really tried to listen to both sides and make a decision that benefits the student body in general," he added.

Mrs. Rous thought survey results would have been different if students understood the reasons for change. "I don't think it was an informed vote," she said. Mrs. Rous, along with ORHS English teacher Mrs. Whaley, supported the change because they felt the previous format to be discriminatory. "White (for female gowns), in a way, is a put down," Rous added.

Student Council President Beth Fuller said, "The tradition is part of graduation." She also felt that the recent decision, "is not fair to the student body."

Senior Rob Stevens, also against the change, said, "I don't see that it signifies separation or any one better than another."

Senior Sarah Chorlian commented, "I think we should change with the times."

Happy Holidays from the Mouth of the River

Winter Carnival Preps

by Kim Dugas

At the December 4 meeting, the Student Council decided to have "Video To Go" provide music for the Winter Carnival Dance this January.

"Video To Go", a video/disc-jockey service from Massachusetts, was chosen by council members after attending a state Student Council convention in Salem last month, at which "Video To Go" played.

The Winter Carnival

Dance will be a semi-formal, "Sadie Hawkins" dance where girls have their choice of dates, and will be held on Saturday, January 18. The location of the dance has not been decided by the council yet.

The week of January 13, preceding the dance will be "Spirit Week," where students show their class spirit in school activities, such as theme days.

"Spirit Week" will end with a home varsity basket-

ball game against Newmarket on Friday night.

At the December 11 meeting, the Student Council decided to cancel the parade of floats due to lack of time to prepare them, and the possibility of inclement weather. The Saturday morning agenda is undecided due to the cancellation.

Saturday afternoon will consist of activities such as tug-o-wars, races, and the snow sculpture contest. Mouth of the River along with the Student Council will be planning and running the afternoon's activities.

Basketball Looking Good

by Jeff Kertzer

The Oyster River Varsity Basketball Team has lifted its record to 2-1 with a victory over Merrimack Valley on December 18, 71-64.

The Bobcats went into the game with a victory over

Pelham, and an overtime loss to Somersworth.

Senior Center Brian Mussulman commented, "Against Merrimack, we played very well as a team, especially our defense."

Sophomore Forward John Freiermouth added, "We broke their press defense very easily, this created many opportunities for us to score."

Key players in the game were Sophomore Todd Bragdon, with 14 points and 8 rebounds, and Freiermouth with 24 points and 7 rebounds. Also, Freshman Guard Pat Casey played the whole game against a press.

Regarding the season, Freiermouth said, "I feel the team is becoming better and better each game."

Senior Forward Guy Swanson added, "The team hasn't played up to its full potential yet, but that means we can only get better."

According to Coach David Nichols, the next couple weeks will be used to concentrate on improving the offence and running set plays better. Mr. Nichols commented, "Our set plays were unorganized and weren't run

well."

OR's next game is January 4 at Kennett. Kennett beat OR twice last year in very close games.

This year, Mr. Nichols said, "We must control the boards and run our faster breaks better."



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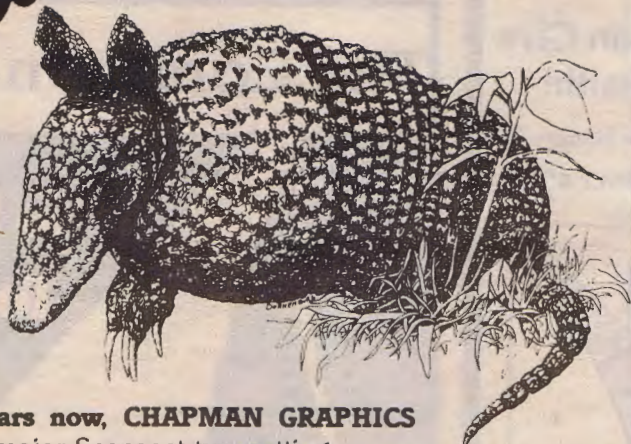
much raw talent, but a lot of hard work and conditioning that pays off."

The Durham Boat Club womens crew consists of Sophomores Pele Harris, Rain Williams, Freshmen Nissa Youngren, Linda Savage and Eighth Grader Danika Harris.

Looking ahead, the womens team won't start competing until this spring. They are aiming for the Junior Women's Nationals in the quads, while the men are looking toward the double at the Junior World Championships in Czechoslovakia this spring.

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